

Merry Christmas!

This bumper 10-page issue of the Jordan Times, we are taking a short Christmas holiday. Our next issue will be Saturday, Dec. 27. We wish all our readers and advertisers the happiest of the holiday season.

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Today's Weather

There will be a slight drop in temperature with medium and low clouds and northeasterly winds. In Aqaba, it will be cloudy with northerly moderate winds and rough seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	Low 6	High 14
Aqaba	11	23
Deserts	5	13
Jordan Valley	12	24

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 15, Aqaba 22. Sunset Wednesday: 4:36 p.m. Sunrise Thursday: 6:36 a.m.



West Bank mayors crippled by June 3 car-bomb attacks are back on their feet in the holiday season. Photo at left: Ramallah Mayor Farim Fhalaf flashes the sign on Tuesday at a reception in his honour at the Professional Associations in Shmeisani. At far right is Mr. Ibrahim Bakr, president of the Jordan Bar Association, which arranged the reception. Mr. Fhalaf also was received Tuesday at



Al Nahwa Palace by His Majesty King Hussein. Photo at right: Nabulus Mayor Bassam Shak'a tries out his new legs for the first time in London. With him are his wife, Anaya, and the director of the firm that made his artificial limbs. Mr. Shak'a lost both his legs below the knees while Mr. Fhalaf lost his left foot and injured the other seriously. See page 2 (Staff photo at left by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Outraged villagers rip up U.N. building in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — About 300 demonstrators armed with axes and shovels rampaged through a United Nations build-

ing in West Beirut today, smashing windows, wrecking cabinets and burning files.

U.N. sources said 20 people were slightly injured in the attack and about six others were evacu-

ated unconscious from the smoke-filled four-storey building. The sources said the demon-

strators were from South Lebanon where a 6,000-strong U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) is stationed and were protesting about the U.N.'s failure to halt Israeli raids there.

Every window in the white concrete building was smashed and several rooms were charred and blackened with smoke from documents burnt during the protest.

Six United Nations cars outside had their windows smashed. The U.N. sources said the demonstrators were dispersed by troops from the all-Syrian Arab deterrent force.

The block, in predominantly Muslim West Beirut, houses the offices of a U.N. military observer group for South Lebanon and the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA).

The attack followed raids on several villages in South Lebanon last week by groups of armed men from territory controlled by Israeli-backed rightist militiamen.

The men infiltrated across U.N. peacekeeping lines to blow up houses in several Shiite Muslim villages. Three villagers were killed and five wounded.

A statement distributed by the demonstrators this morning accused the U.N. troops of inactivity in the south and of "flagrant collusion" with Israel.

U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today deplored the attack and noted with appreciation that the incident had been condemned by Lebanese government ministers.

Meanwhile, fighting in the eastern Lebanese town of Zable erupted again today less than 24 hours after an uneasy truce came into effect and a number of people were killed or wounded, state-run Beirut Radio said.

Heavy clashes in the town, about 50 kilometres east of Beirut, broke out over the weekend between Syrian troops and Christian militia.

Israelis' annoyance at mayors' sit-in gets short shrift from U.S.

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 23 (JT/Agencies) — U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry said today he is more concerned about Israeli violation of international law in expelling two mayors from the occupied West Bank than about their use of U.N. headquarters for a hunger strike.

Mr. McHenry told reporters that the United States is taking no position on the protest by Mayors Fahd Qawasmli of Hebron and Mohammad Milhem of nearby Halhoul. The two began their hunger strike on Friday after the Security Council voted unanimously in favour of their right to return to their homes.

Israeli U.N. Ambassador Yehuda Blum protested yesterday to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim about the mayors' use of U.N. facilities for the strike, calling Mr. Waldheim's acquiescence an "unfriendly act toward Israel."

Asked if he shared Israeli concern about the precedent established, Mr. McHenry said, "Well, I have a concern about the precedent of violating international law."

The mayors were expelled, along with the religious judge of Hebron, Sheikh Rajab Tamimi, in May after an attack on Jewish settlers in Hebron in which six died. Mayors Qawasmli and Milhem were allowed to return and appeal their expulsion, but the appeal was rejected and the two were expelled again to Lebanon.

Mr. Blum had told the Security Council before its latest vote that the council could not justify spending its time on the mayors' case, and he was incensed again by the hunger strike.

"The resolution adopted by the Security Council on Friday last contained an appeal to the government of Israel but did not give permission for the holding of demonstrations inside U.N. headquarters," he told to Mr. Waldheim, according to a statement released by the Israeli U.N. mission.

"To the best of our knowledge, this is the first instance in which the secretary general has authorised the holding of a demonstration inside the building and has thus broken with well-established practice," according

Panic aboard Saudia TriStar children fall to their death from jet in flight

Jordan, Dec. 23 (AP) — A plane tore loose from a Jordanian jetliner shortly after take-off today, punching a hole in the underside and then "fell out of the sky" at an altitude of 29,000 feet, Saudi Radio

said. The plane, carrying 296 passengers and a crew of 16, made an emergency landing in Qatar, where it was damaged. Three passengers were slightly injured and taken to a hospital.

The passengers were later flown to another Saudi TriStar jet, which was carrying 12 children, both Pakis-

tanis, were a boy aged 7 and a girl of 13. The Saudi Lockheed TriStar, Flight 162, took off about 1 a.m. local time from Dhahran and was en route to Karachi, Pakistan, when the accident occurred. Saudi Radio said.

An airport official here who talked with two of the passengers before they were hurried off to seclusion in resthouses said the passengers reported hearing a thunderous explosion.

But the Riyadh radio broadcast reported the pilot said "a loud noise" came from the area above the landing gear. "At the same time, pressure immediately fell inside the aircraft and there was a

shortage of oxygen."

The radio said that cabin staff reported to the captain that a "piece of metal from the cover of the landing wheels had broken off and struck the underside" of the plane, opening a gaping hole 1.5 metres long and a meter wide.

"Two children sitting near this hole fell out of the plane," said the report, indicating the children were sucked out as a result of the rapid decompression that created a strong outward suction.

Passengers told the airport official here, who declined to be identified, that they had fastened their seatbelts after the plane reached its cruising altitude. The official said one passenger

told him that "at the start, in Dhahran Airport, all was normal and the plane looked perfectly all right to us."

"But minutes after the plane was airborne and we had fastened our seatbelts an explosion hit us like a thunderbolt," the official, quoted the passenger as saying.

The plane plunged downward and general panic erupted among the passengers, the official said, adding that "women were screaming, children were weeping."

The official quoted another passenger as saying: "We felt the plane was plunging downwards. We felt these were our last minutes and our chances for sur-

vival were nil. Some of us sat back and recited verses from the Koran."

The Saudi Radio said the plane was surrounded by ambulances and fire-fighting equipment after its emergency landing.

The Qatar News Agency reported that the Saudi assistant minister for defence and aviation affairs, Mr. Kamal Sindi, flew to Doha to head an investigation of the incident.

"The technical defect that caused the blast and impelled the pilot to force-land is not known to us as yet," the agency quoted Mr. Ahmad Marafieh, Qatar's assistant secretary for communications, as saying.

Police cordoned off the air terminal in Doha and refused to allow reporters or photographers to the scene.

Two weeks ago, one wheel on a Saudi TriStar was reported to have blown as the aircraft landed at Dhahran.

Earlier in the month, a similar incident took place as a TriStar was landing at Jeddah.

On Aug. 19, all 301 people aboard a TriStar bound for Jeddah died when fire engulfed the plane after it made an emergency landing at Riyadh.

aqis back autonomy for Khuzestan

U.D. Dec. 23 (R) — Iraq publicised demands by self-rule in the Iranian province of Khuzestan, indicating Baghdad may not return to direct Iranian rule in the area when the Gulf authorities held a press conference in Baghdad of two "Arab governments in Arabistan," as the province is called three months ago. The province is ruled by three military men, who were green uniforms and red keffiyehs to give their real positions in the area. They praised the "liberators and promoters of self-rule by the people of the province."

They said this would involve control of Khuzestan's rich oil fields, mainstay of the Iranian economy.

The publicity follows moves by Iraq to set up a civilian administration in parts of Khuzestan held by Iraqi troops, an investment of time and money which shows Baghdad is ready for an indefinite occupation.

Iraqi troops hold about a third of Khuzestan, though the bulk of the oilfields and all but one of its major towns remain in Iranian hands.

The main speaker, identified only as Abu Karama, said the "popular movement" was struggling for autonomy "even if only within the framework of a democratic Iranian state."

He added: "I mean a democratic Iran, not the present racist regime." He did not say what form of independence he wanted in present circumstances.

Asked about oil, Abu Karama said: "All the oil wells are within the Arabistan area and belong to the people of Arabistan."

The province is the heart of Iran's oil industry, which at its height produced more than five million barrels a day.

Championing the Arabs of Khuzestan was a main aim of Iraq's political strategy when it launched its action against Iran in September. The propaganda and politics are now coming to the fore again as the military campaign is bogged down in the winter mud.

Since the Islamic revolution in Iran in February, 1979, Khuzestan has been the scene of bitter clashes between local Arabs seeking autonomy and Iranian militia. Oil installations were sabotaged.

Then, as Iraqi forces pushed over the border, Baghdad broadcast a stream of calls on the Arabs of Khuzestan to rise in revolt against Tehran.

Any response by the Arabs, who belong to the Shiite sect of Islam as do most Iranians, was far overshadowed by the massive Iraqi war drive.

But now the Iraqi army is safely dug in, with no major movement in sight before the spring, and the Baghdad government is clearly starting political moves to consolidate its position while the way to peace talks is still deadlocked.

The exact nature, strength and activities of the Arab Popular Movement in Arabistan were not clear from the press conference.

Abu Karama described it as an umbrella organisation formed last year for all the autonomy movements in Khuzestan.

But he gave an ambiguous answer when asked if armed men who took over the Iranian embassy in London earlier this year belonged to his movement.

"They were sons of Arabistan. We know them and they are heroes of the Arab Popular Movement," Abu Karama said.

come all ye faithful-- a village under siege

BEETHLEHEM, Dec. 23 (AP) — The town clerk gazed second-floor office window across Manger Square, smiled and said: "We are in the middle of a battlefield." He was referring to the dozens of Israeli troops below, men in blue uniforms and red keffiyehs, some with machine guns slung over their shoulders, lounging in the tourist buses parked today in the square. The town is being poured into Bethlehem in apparently greater numbers than in the 13 previous Christmases the little town has known under Israeli military occupation.

Blue skies and brilliant sunshine, flags of every colour, red Christmas trees and souvenir-packed shop windows, and the olive of army uniforms and command cars.

Unrest in the occupied West Bank has brought out the tourist strength and more prominence. Tourists are urged to passports at all time while in Bethlehem, and to leave their cars in their hotel rooms lest the troops take them for

weapons. Mr. Jamal Salman, says times are bad for tourism of the occupation. Merchants are uncommittal. But they expect 35,000 tourists this year.

4 sentenced to death for embassy raid

ANKARA, Dec. 23 (R) — Four Palestinian commandos who stormed the Egyptian embassy here in July 1979, killing two Turkish security guards, were sentenced to death by a Turkish civilian court today.

The Ankara court sentenced the commandos to death twice over, for the killing of the guards and also for "attempting to disrupt Turkey's relations with another country (Egypt)."

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WE really do not wish to spoil anyone's Christmas, but we cannot help but wonder how many of the pilgrims assembling in Bethlehem tonight, filled with awe and respect and devotion at the chance to commemorate the birth of Jesus at the spot where it is said to have occurred, are aware of the more malevolent presence which surrounds them there in the Judean hills as elsewhere in Palestine.

This is the fourteenth Christmas which Bethlehem has observed under the guns of Israeli occupation. The charm of the little town, the apparent good cheer of its Arab inhabitants, cannot obscure the fact that some very nasty things have been happening here in that period, and most especially in the past year.

A boy born in Bethlehem on Christmas Day fourteen years ago would by now be well infused with an instinctive bitterness at the colonial occupation which has gripped the land of his ancestors, who may have been the very shepherds who, while watching over their flocks by night, received that first message of "peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Ask the Shomali family of Beit Sahour, the village on the site of that original Shepherds' Field, about the peace and goodwill they have enjoyed during the past year, when the Israeli authorities bundled them out of their house, sealed its doors, and packed them off to a roofless hut in an abandoned refugee camp near Jericho, all because their young son had thrown a rock at an Israeli occupation patrol.

Or ask the family and friends of Taghrid Butmeh, the woman Bethlehem University student who was wantonly shot dead by Israeli troops earlier this year. Ask the students of that and other Arab universities on the West Bank, who have endured a year of harassment and deprivation simply because they want to learn and want to be free.

These undercurrents may not be apparent to the pilgrims gathering under the lighted Christmas tree in Manger Square tonight. Perhaps that is how it should be, since the message of hope and love and spiritual rebirth being celebrated by pilgrims and Arab Christians alike on the site of Christ's miraculous birth, must endure to conquer, not be conquered by, all the injustice and despair and bigotry of the real world around us.

Muslims, who revere Jesus as a great prophet, and who are witnessing encroachment of their land and desecration of their Holy Places as well, stand with their Christian brethren in Palestine at this season in sharing the hope, and determination, that love and peace will reign once more in the Holy Land.

Seminar on population ends after three days

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Dec. 23—A three-day seminar on labour and population activities ended its sessions at the Chamber of Industry today after discussing a number of papers on the labour situation and popu-

lation education in Jordan. The director of the Chamber of Industry Mr. Ali Dajani, and the secretary general of the Union of Labour Federations, Mr. Shaher Majali, presented a joint paper to the seminar today on the role of businessmen and workers in sol-

ving population problems. The paper called for full cooperation among government officials, management and employees in bringing about a high awareness of these problems.

According to the paper, the goal of such involvement is to strike a balance between economic activities and the needs of population growth.

Presenting the paper at the seminar today, Mr. Dajani said the problem is not a problem of the size of the population as much as one of the quality both of life and of the population.

On the role of business owners, Mr. Dajani said that they should have a deep interest in population issues so as to be able to understand the grievances of their employees.

Mr. Dajani noted that Jordan has a high rate of dependence in the family, meaning that the average wage earner supports six people. Accordingly, the paper called for women to participate in helping their husbands shoulder the responsibilities of family support.

Another paper presented today was one by the dean of the Shari'a College at the University of Jordan, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, about family planning in Islam.

In his paper, Dr. Khayyat defined family planning as "pre-meditated preparation" for marriage in terms of its costs and responsibilities. Family planning is one of the most complicated problems facing families in our times, he said.

He went on to say that 70 per cent of divorces were due to the inability to have children.

Two other papers presented today were entitled "Matching the Professional and Educational Renaissance with Population Increase", and "The Role of Business Owners and Labourers in Handling Population Problems."

In yesterday's session, the participants discussed a paper by Mr. Abdul Monem Abu Nowar, director general of the Census Department, on "The Population Situation in Jordan and its Effects on Development." They also heard a lecture by Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jabbar, the Under-secretary of the Ministry of Labour, on the effect of population increase on health and nutrition.

The three-day seminar was the seventh activity to be sponsored as part of the population project at the Ministry of Labour, which itself is co-sponsored by the Ministry of Labour, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the International Labour Organisation.



Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Hassan Al Momani (right) speaks with North Yemeni Minister of Municipalities and Housing Ahmad Mohammad Luqman on Mr. Luqman's arrival Tuesday.

Momani, N. Yemeni aide hold talks on housing

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—The North Yemeni minister of municipalities and housing, Mr. Ahmad Luqman, and his Jordanian counterpart, Mr. Hassan Al Momani, decided at a meeting in Amman this evening that a team of Jordanian experts should be sent to North Yemen to discuss the conditions of municipalities and the functions of that country's ministry of municipalities as regards housing, health, environment and regional planning.

Mr. Momani gave a detailed explanation of the functions of the directorates operating in his ministry, and the services they render to the public, as well as the establishments attached to the ministry. He also explained the role of the ministry in the construction of housing projects and in providing potable water in municipalities and villages. At an earlier meeting today, the two ministers discussed recommendations passed by Arab ministers of housing in Damascus last night, and cooperation between Jordan and North Yemen.

The Yemeni minister, who arrived from Damascus today for a two-day official visit to Jordan, said he will hold talks with Jordanian officials on housing-related matters, and will try to apply some of Jordan's experience in housing in his country. The

Yemeni minister is accompanied by a four-member delegation.

The establishment of an Arab Housing Bank and cooperation among Arab states in housing-related matters were among the major topics discussed by the Arab ministers of housing at their Damascus meeting over the past two days, according to the director general of the Housing Corporation, Mr. Hamdallah Nabulsi, who led Jordan's delegation to the conference.

He said in a statement upon returning to Amman today that the ministers urged Arab states to establish joint Arab construction and contracting firms and to exchange expertise and views on matters related to housing.

The participants also recommended an expansion in research programmes pertaining to housing, and in finding means of preserving historic and ancient Arab and traditional buildings in Jerusalem and other parts of the Arab World; and touched on the subject of reconstructing the Algerian city of Al Asham, devastated in a recent earthquake.

The participants, Mr. Nabulsi said, decided to follow up on a feasibility study on the establishment of the Arab housing bank, and present their views at the Arab housing ministers' meeting to be held in Algiers next October.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—Her Highness Princess Basma left for Kuwait today at the head of a delegation representing the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund, for a tour of three Arabian Gulf states. In addition to Kuwait, the tour will take the princess to the United Arab Emirates and Oman. The princess, who chairs the Queen Alia Fund, will hold talks with officials in charge of social activities in the three states on cooperation between the fund and their countries. She will explain the fund's next five-year plan and assistance the Gulf states might give to help it carry out its charitable projects in Jordan. During her stay in the Gulf, Princess Basma will also tour social institutions and look into the achievements of women in various pursuits.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—The Secretary General of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), Dr. Fakhri Qaddouri, conferred with Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour here today on proposed amendments to the Arab League's charter, particularly in matters connected with economic activity. They also reviewed steps taken in implementation of resolutions passed at the CAEU's 33rd session.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—The Amman and Water and Sewerage Authority is currently expanding water pumping stations at 'Ain Ghazal and Shmeisani to enable these stations to cope with the additional quantities of water coming to the capital from Azraq oasis. The pumping of water from Azraq to Amman started early last month.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—Scopes of cooperation between Jordan and Oman in agriculture were discussed at a meeting here yesterday between Minister of Agriculture Marwan Doudin and the Omani ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Nazar Mohammad Ali. They also reviewed arrangements for a visit to Oman by Mr. Doudin, due to take place early next year.

KARAK, Dec. 23 (Petra)—The Agriculture Department here, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and scouts organisations, has embarked on an afforestation programme in Farak Governorate. Nearly 2,000 preparatory and secondary students are voluntarily helping officials in planting as many trees as possible by the end of next month. The students are granted material assistance as well as free transport to and from the sites where the programme is being implemented.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni left Amman yesterday evening for Kuwait for a three-day visit in response to an invitation from Kuwait Mayor Abdul Aziz Al Adani to participate in celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the municipality's establishment. Mr. Ajlouni will then leave for Jeddah to represent Amman Municipality in the meetings of the permanent bureau of the Arab Cities Organisation

scheduled to be held on Dec. 27. Mr. Ajlouni said that during his visit, he will hold talks with Arab mayors and heads of municipal councils on ways to enhance cooperation among Arab capitals and cities on the one hand and Amman Municipality on the other.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—The under-secretary of the Ministry of Social Development, Mr. Mohammad Wardam, returned here today after participating in the meeting of the Arab League Educational, Cultural, and Scientific Organisation council held in Tunis from Dec. 15-Dec. 21. He said that the council discussed the organisation's programmes for 1982 and 1983, and educational programmes in the coming decade, as well as the establishment of an Arab institute for translation.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—An organisational plan for 114 villages in Jordan will be carried out in the first half of the coming year, according to Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani. He said that a programme of aerial photography of the city of Irbid, expected to cost nearly JD 400,000 will also be carried out in that period. At present, the ministry is drawing up unified bye-laws for construction, to be applied throughout the country.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—The Raghadan bakeries company has been fined JD 150 for violating Ministry of Supply regulations, according to a sentence passed by the military court. The sentence was endorsed today by the military governor.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—Jordan today received a gift of 21 pickup trucks from the government of South Korea. The trucks were delivered together with a supply of spare parts, and according to a statement, the trucks will be distributed to a number of ministries and government departments.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (Petra)—Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal said today his ministry is seeking to make the two-year course of study at community colleges in Jordan equivalent to two academic years at university. Speaking during a visit to the Princess Alia women's community college, Dr. Tal said college graduates would be able to continue as advanced-placement university students, provided they demonstrate their ability and meet the required educational standard. The minister called for the development of educational plans and methods at various community colleges.

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (JT)—Four people were killed and 12 injured in a total of 11 road accidents which occurred in Jordan over the past 24 hours. According to a spokesman for the Public Security Directorate, there were also 19 other incidents, which included four thefts and one robbery at a store in Amman. The store's owner found his safe open and JD 6,050 in cash missing.



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AL RA'I: The five pillars upon which Jordan's draft budget for 1981 is based are a real reflection of the domestic and pan-Arab responsibilities which our country shoulders honestly and in sincerity.

The draft budget is also a reflection of the government's plan and its working programme for 1981. The circumstances under which the budget was prepared and the factors influencing its size make it an ambitious budget to build a strong and modern Jordan which is capable of facing cultural challenges and all those of the day, and positively dealing with them.

Needless to say, the political and pan-Arab dimension is the primary pillar of the draft budget. It stems from Jordan's allegiance to the pan-Arab responsibility which it has taken on itself. It also reflects the pledge Jordan has made to itself and to its Arab Nation to support the Palestinian Arab people and their steadfastness in the occupied territories; to regard the confrontation with the Zionist entity as a comprehensive pan-Arab confrontation, as well as to support fraternal Iraq in its pan-Arab battle and to defeat the attempts to distort Jordan's pan-Arab position behind Iraq.

Undoubtedly, the strengthening of our valiant armed forces, upon which the draft budget places due emphasis, is a manifestation of the pan-Arab commitment and the national sense of Jordan, because our armed forces are the asset of the Arab Nation and the pride of our people, their source of security and peace of mind.

As for the second pillar of the budget, namely to give momentum to development, with due consideration given to both economic and social development, this is a sincere expression of the organic cohesion between the dictates of pan-Arab commitment and those of domestic growth.

The third pillar—efforts to provide basic foodstuffs to the public at reasonable prices—and the fourth—the provision of basic services—are essential factors in providing a better livelihood for Jordan's citizens.

As for the fifth pillar, namely to curb the gap between domestic revenues and the current expenditures of the state; it is a necessary measure characterised by ambition, and eagerness to preserve the soundness of the domestic structure.

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Middle East's Christmas customs choose sanctity over Santa

SIANS call the red-suited fellow with the white beard **Garant Baba**, or the father of the new year. Pagans call him **Father Frost**, and the Greeks configured the real-life fifth century monk **St. Nicholas** as **Santa Claus**.

Armenians and the Copts of Egypt call him **Garant Baba**. In the Holy Land, everyone celebrates the same way or even differently.

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Christmas dinner for the Eastern Orthodox is not the elaborate affair it is in the West. The holiday is preceded by a 40-day partial fast that runs through Christmas Day. For the observant that means no Christmas Eve turkey, no meat, no dairy products.

Church celebrations resemble a Roman mass but are refined by local culture. Ethiopians, weak from their fast, lean on long T-shaped staffs throughout the six-hour midnight litany, celebrated in the Abyssinian chapel in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre since they have no rights in Bethlehem.

The Coptic Church, which is found predominantly in Egypt, also celebrates Christmas on Jan. 7, instead of Dec. 25. A month before Christmas, the Coptic Church holds masses in honour of the Virgin Mary. That month is called **Kehik** in the Coptic calendar.

The Copts also stick to a vegetarian diet for forty days before the fast. As Christmas Day approaches, each household thinks of the poor and a "corner for the poor" is allocated in each house where any donations that the family could afford are stacked.

Whether the donations are food or clothing, everything is given to the church, which then distributes them among the needy people. Every household grows wheat and lupins in small dishes. This is symbolic of the offering of the earth to the people who toil and plant it.

On Christmas Eve, families attend Midnight Mass. Children carry hollowed oranges, with slits on the side, with lit candles inside them. The candle light is symbolic of coming of Christ—the Light of the World.

Presenters are given on the second day of Christmas, or "Boxing Day" as it's known in the West. The logic behind this is that the shepherds in the Bethlehem area presented their gifts to Jesus on the second day of his birth.

The Syrian Orthodox Church, found predominantly in the north of Syria and Iraq (especially in Mosul), also has its own beliefs and traditions about Christmas. The Syrian Orthodox Church is distinguished for its closeness to the Jerusalem tradition of the early church. Their present liturgical language, Syriac, was the Eastern dialect of Aramaic, which was believed to be Jesus's mother tongue. In some villages in Syria, the language spoken is a dialect of Aramaic or Syriac.



Having been under the influence of east and west during the early centuries of Christianity, the Syrian Orthodox Church has adopted some particular traditions that are not found among the other sects.

For example, a fire is lit on Christmas Day during the reading of the Bible. This tradition has been inherited probably from the pagan influence on the early church.

On Dec. 25 of each year, pagans meet in the house of the most elderly and venerated among them. The food that is left is kept on the table rather than taking it back to the kitchen. The belief is that Virgin Mary will go around blessing houses and the table should be set for her. This tradition has been kept until the very recent past.

Christmas celebrations in Jordan have undergone substantial changes in the past decade. Traditional celebrations were inspired by local customs which did not differ much from the celebrations of the non-Christian communities.

However, with the advent of Western influences, a number of changes took place, especially in the Western churches (Catholic and Protestant) while the Eastern churches (Orthodox, Armenians, Assyrians) still retained a number of their traditions.

Four years ago both the Western and Eastern churches agreed to celebrate Christmas according to the Western calendar, on Dec. 25. They also agreed to celebrate Easter together, according to the Eastern calendar.

It is important to note that East Jordan is the only Arab country in which Easter is observed by all Christian communities together. This was done with the approval of the hierarchy of the church.

In the East, people started to celebrate Christmas in the fifth century, while in the West, people observed Christmas for the first time on the Dec. 25 in the 10th century, and they observed it on that day instead of the heathen feast called the feast of the sun of righteousness. They have substituted Christmas for the feast.

Christmas means a lot to people, as it is a day when all relatives visit, greet and present each other with gifts. People visit each other on that day and several days before and after.

celebrated the feast of the Birth of the Unconquered Sun by lighting bonfires and making merry. To attract pagans to convert to Christianity, the Syrian Orthodox Church kept the tradition a lighting a fire and changed the date of celebrating the birth of Christ from Jan. 6 to Dec. 25.

New Year's for the Syrian Orthodox Church commemorates the circumcision of Christ. People go visiting on New Year's Eve; usually all members of one family

They make peace with each other, forgetting previous misunderstandings, believing that Christmas is the feast of love and peace because God has shown love to man through incarnation.

Generally, Christians in Jordan celebrate Christmas like Christians in the West. On Christmas Eve, families get together, usually at the house of the head of the family. They have supper, drink wine, sing Christmas carols and present each other with gifts.

There were times when it was shameful not to attend Christmas mass, which starts after ten o'clock at night, but few people attend mass nowadays.

Christmas decorations can be now seen everywhere, and even non-Christians decorate their shops. Yet, in spite of Western influences on Christmas traditions in Jordan, some people still retain a number of their traditions.

The Assyrians, for example, go to church after midnight on Christmas Eve, at one or two o'clock in the morning. After the mass, they all greet each other and shake hands. If a person doesn't want to make peace with another, he must not go to church. Later they go around visiting their relatives till morning. While they are away, they keep the lights of their houses on all night (so that the house will not be empty after Christ is born). It is the habit also that during Christmas, fathers visit their married daughters and boys their married sisters.

In Fuhes, the most heavily Christian-populated town in Jordan, during the first day of the feast, people go to the cemetery to visit the dead, taking with them some sweets, black coffee and cigarettes. Then they go around visiting each other.

Families who have lost a loved one during the previous year usually stay at home on the morning of the first day of the feast to receive visitors, but in the afternoon, they go around visiting relatives and friends.

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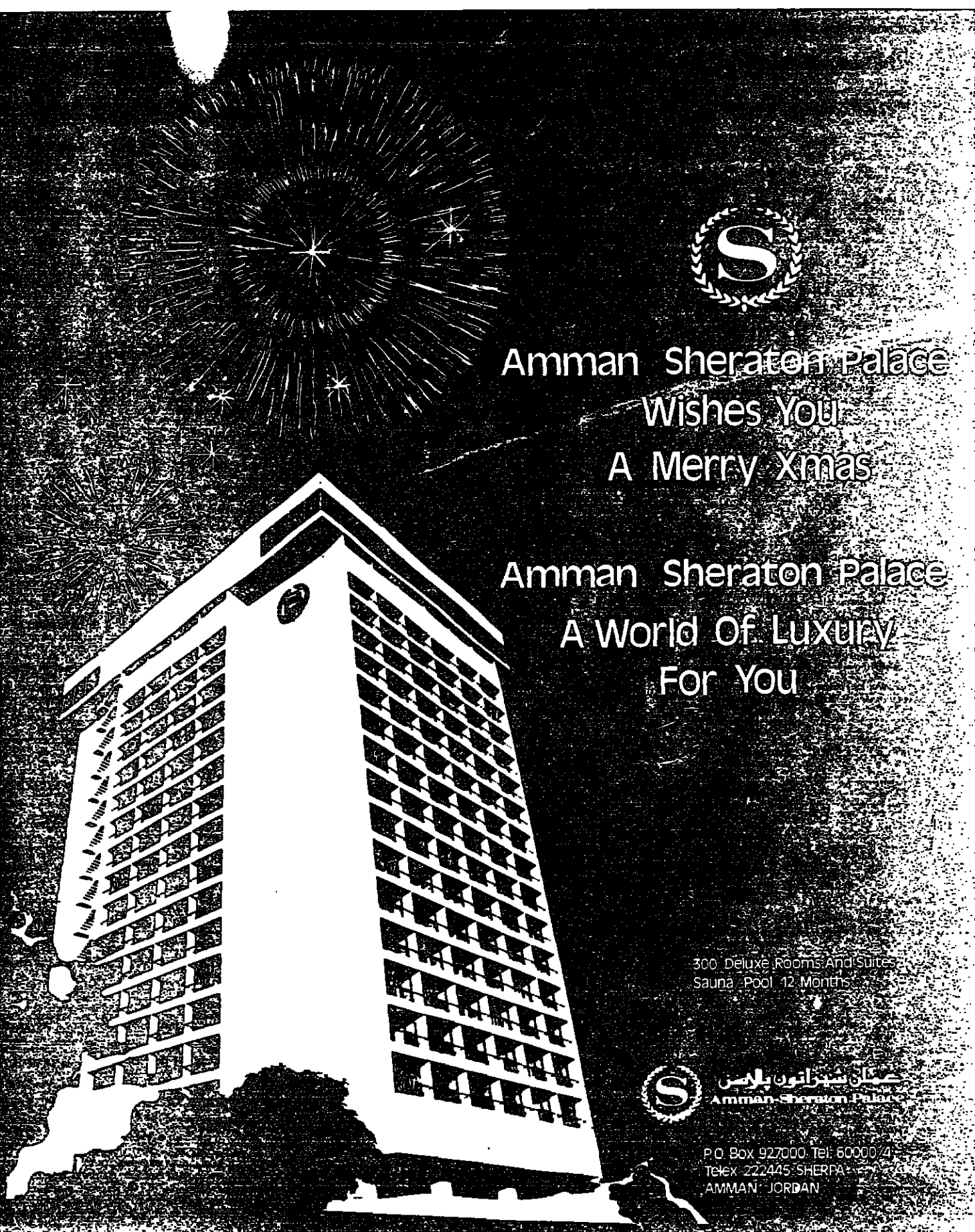
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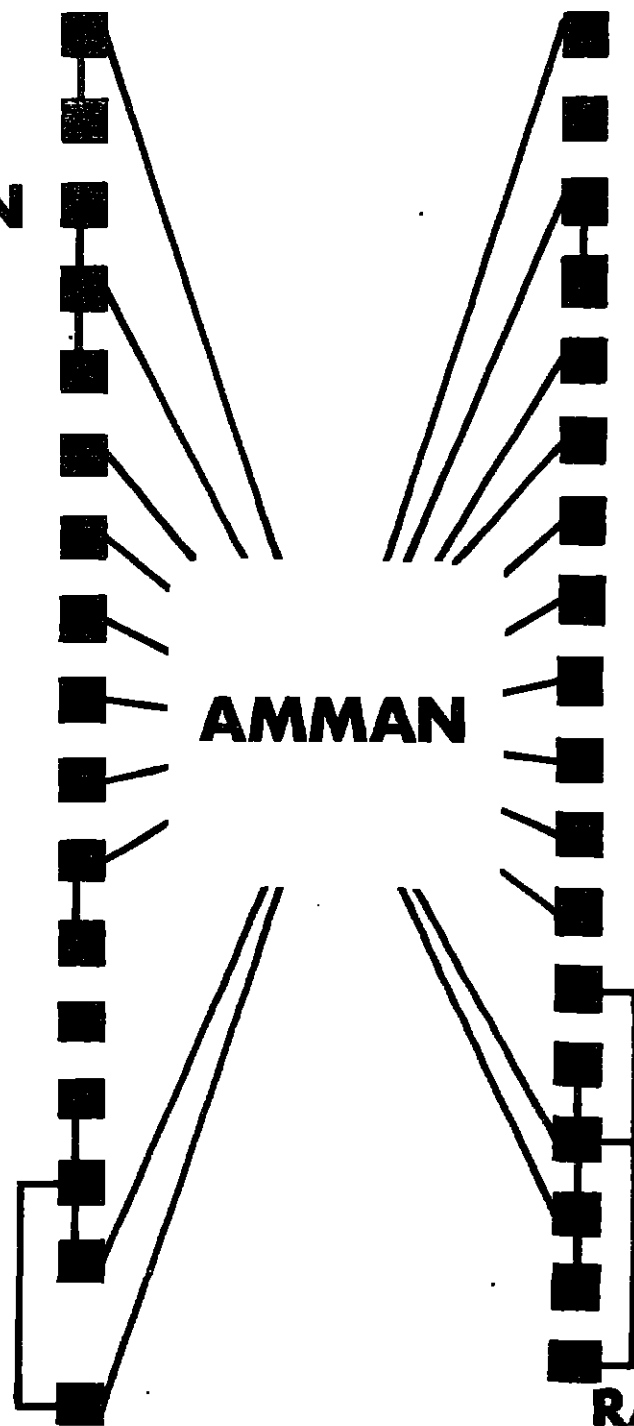
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WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

Department of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of arts and flower arrangement by Ibrahim Arar. The show is of its kind in Jordan; in it the artist has used natural materials. The opening ceremony is on Thursday at 4 p.m., at the Institute in Jabal Amman. The exhibition will continue Dec. 29.

Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Jordan Artists' Association, presents an exhibition of paintings by Zoubi. The show is open to the public at the association's exhibition hall in Jabal Luweibdeh, across the street from the Cultural Centre.

Jordan National Gallery presents an exhibition of paintings by Bisharat, at the gallery in Jabal Luweibdeh.

Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the German Democratic Republic, presents an exhibition of posters at the Art Gallery of the Ministry of Culture and in Shmeisani. The show ends on Wednesday.

Children's Play

Jaya Arts Centre presents a New Year's programme for children. The show includes a play, "The Stubborn Carrot", and a performance will take place at the centre, at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tickets are at the door for children.

Play

Amman Drama Group, in cooperation with the Jordanian Artists' Association, presents a play of social criticism, "Skaba", at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre in Jabal Amman.

1980 Chess tournament

Amman Chess Club invites all chess players and those interested in chess to visit the club, to watch and take part in open chess, Wednesday and Thursday. Location: Fourth Circle, Jabal Amman, Tel. 44713

Christmas Services

Church of the Redeemer (C of E/Anglican/Episcopal) will have the following special services:

Wednesday, 11:30 p.m.: Midnight Communion
Thursday, 11 a.m.: Morning Prayer/Holy Communion
Friday, Dec. 28, 12 noon: Family Service
The church is located in the First Circle area of Jabal Amman, near Ahliyah Girls School (CMS), beyond China Restaurant.

Amman International Church (International and Internationalist) will hold the following special services:
Friday, 10 a.m.: Christmas Worship Service
Saturday, Dec. 31, 11 p.m.: New Year's Eve Watch Night

The church meets for worship at the Baptist School in Shmeisani. For information, contact the Rev. Philip de Jonge, pastor; tel. 44713.

Celebration

Pakistani Embassy will hold a celebration at its chancery in Jabal Amman at 5 p.m. on Thursday to commemorate the birth of the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

Christmas church services in Amman

Eastern (Greek) Orthodox

Church of the Annunciation (Abduli)
Dec. 24 -- 11:30 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- 7:30 a.m.

Roman Catholic (Latin)

Church of the Annunciation (Jabal Luweibdeh)
Dec. 24 -- 12:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
and English at 10:00 a.m.

St. Joseph's (Jabal Amman - First Circle)
Dec. 24 -- 11:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Monastery Church (Jabal Al-Hashemi)
Dec. 24 -- 11:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- 7:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist, De la Salle (Jabal Hussein)
Dec. 24 -- 12:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
and at 5:00 p.m. in English

Anglican/Episcopal

Church of the Redeemer (Jabal Amman - First Circle)

Dec. 24 -- 12:00 p.m. in English.
Lutheran Church (Jabal Amman - Sixth Circle)
Dec. 25 -- 9:00 a.m., and in English at 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 24 -- 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- 10:00 a.m.

Armenian Orthodox

St. Tatheos Church (Jabal Ashrafieh)
Dec. 24 -- 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- 8:30 a.m.

Melchite (Greek Catholic)

Jabal Amman, First Circle
Dec. 24 -- 11 p.m., midnight
Dec. 25 -- 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

Jabal Luweibdeh
Dec. 24 -- midnight
Dec. 25 -- 9 a.m.

Jabal Al-Hussein
Dec. 25 -- 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.

North Ashrafieh
Dec. 25 -- 9 a.m.

South Ashrafieh
Dec. 25 -- 9 a.m.

Syrian Orthodox

St. Ephraim Church (Jabal Ashrafieh)
Dec. 24 -- 11 p.m., midnight
Dec. 26 -- 9 a.m.

Baptist Church Jabal Luweibdeh, near Muntazah

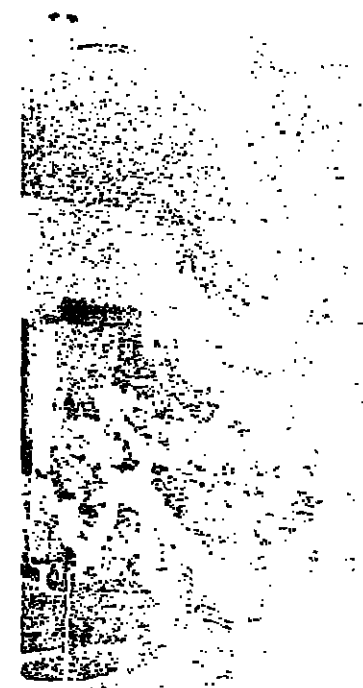
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Church of the Nazarene

Jabal Amman, First Circle
Dec. 25 -- 10:30 a.m.
Jabal Ashrafieh
Dec. 25 -- 10:00 a.m.

'Tis the season

With the coming of the holiday season, Christmas trees have been appearing in many corners of Amman—including some of the most unexpected. But one of the most impressive displays was that in the lobby of the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel (right), which held a special children's Christmas party this week, complete with Santa Claus. (Photo by Youssef Al-Allan)



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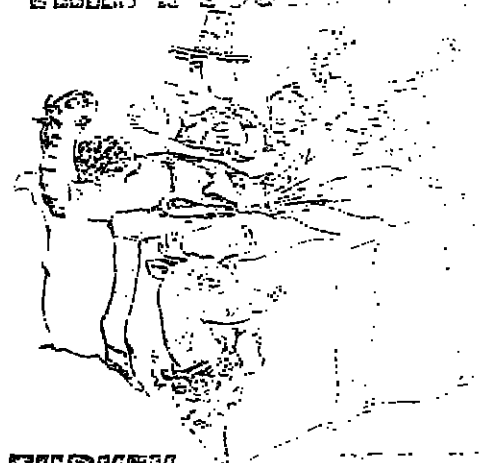
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BELGRADE: Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi met his Yugoslav counterpart - Josip Vrhovec for talks on the Gulf war and preparations for February's conference of non-aligned foreign ministers in New Delhi, officials said. Dr. Hammadi arrived in Belgrade Sunday for a previously unannounced visit. Officials would not say how long he intended to remain in Belgrade, but said the two men would hold further talks. Yugoslavia, a leading member of the 94-nation non-aligned movement which includes Iran and Iraq, has repeatedly called on the two countries to seek a peaceful solution to their dispute. It has warned that armed conflicts between non-aligned countries threaten their unity and create opportunities for interference by the superpowers. Iraq provides about half of Yugoslavia's 12 million tonnes annual crude oil imports, and Yugoslav firms are involved in a number of major construction projects in Iraq. (R)

CAIRO: The United States embassy has denied that Washington has requested the use of two military airstrips in Israeli-occupied Sinai. Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister Fouad Mohieddin told the People's Assembly (parliament) Saturday that both the U.S. and Israel had "insisted" that American forces be allowed to use the airstrips, which are in a part of Sinai due to be handed back to Egypt in 1982. He said the idea had been categorically rejected by Cairo. Spokesmen for the U.S. and Israeli embassies said there had been no official requests for use of the airfields. The Israeli spokesman said the question had "arisen in conversation at various levels over a period of time." President Anwar Sadat has offered Washington military facilities in Egypt but, according to Mr. Mohieddin, this does not extend to Sinai. (R)

BONN: A Bonn court has sentenced Libyan Bashir Ehmida to life imprisonment for murdering a former diplomatic compatriot who had refused to return to Libya. Judge Walter Schmitz-Justen said Mr. Ehmida shot Mr. Omar Mehawi four times in central Bonn last May 10. The defence, which gave notice of appeal, said Libya's revolutionary committee had passed sentence of death on Mr. Mehawi, 42, a former economic attaché at the Libyan embassy. Earlier this year Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi gave Libyans living abroad a June deadline to return home or face assassination. A number of Libyan exiles were killed in various European cities, apparently at the hands of assailants sent from Libya. The judge, who compared Mr. Ehmida to a Nazi criminal, said he had been brutal, merciless and stupid. He said Mr. Ehmida arrived in Bonn last April and lived in various hotels while he watched his victim. The judge said the court believed others had helped him, one of whom was being held in investigative custody in Rome. Defence lawyer Klaus Kugler said Mr. Ehmida believed he was justified in killing Mr. Mehawi because he considered the revolutionary committee's sentence legal. He said Mr. Ehmida could not be viewed as more than an accomplice and should not be punished as an assailant. (R)

CAIRO: U.S. Senator Carl Levin, R-Mich., member of Senate arms services committee, ended a week long fact-finding tour in the Gulf states, Israel and Egypt Monday. U.S. embassy sources said Mr. Levin left for Washington earlier in the day after a meeting with Egyptian Defence Minister Gen. Ahmad Badawi. During his 24-hour visit here Mr. Levin also met President Anwar Sadat and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali. No details of the meetings were released but sources said Mr. Levin, who is on a fact-finding tour did not discuss specifics. The Senate, earlier this month approved a \$1.3 billion economic and military package for Egypt, and \$2.2 billion for Israel. (AP)

TEHRAN: Three jailed Anglican missionaries and a British businessman detained in August will apparently spend Christmas in Iran as the less-publicised "hostages." Scottish missionary Jean Waddell, 58, of Arbroath, missionary Dr. John Coleman and his wife Audrey, and businessman Andrew Martin Pyke have been denied all visits from relatives and British diplomats. They were detained separately for alleged espionage within a three-week period in August when British-Iranian relations deteriorated after the arrest of Iranian student demonstrators in London. As far as is known, they have not been charged. Britain's Archbishop of Canterbury recently sent a personal letter to Iran's religious revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, asking for permission to hold a Christmas service for the four but no reply has yet been received. (R)

ISTANBUL: Istanbul police have arrested a group of 38 right-wing extremists recently, believed to be responsible for 20 murders, according to police sources. Among the 38 were the suspected killers of Turkish author and television producer Umit Kaf-tancioglu, who was shot dead on an Istanbul street earlier this year. Police said they found a machine gun, 12 automatic weapons and large quantities of ammunition and explosives in the extremists' homes. (R)

BELGRADE: Yugoslavia's trade with Arab states rose by a third to \$2.211 million during the first 11 months of this year compared with the same period in 1979, officials said Monday. Yugoslavia traded most with Iraq, its main oil supplier, with exchanges worth \$1.114 million over that period, they added. (R)

CAIRO: Egypt will start exporting locally-made ammunition for Soviet-designed BM-21 rocket-launchers next month, according to the head of military research, Maj. Gen. Youssef Affi. He did not say which countries would receive the ammunition. Last October Somalia sent its deputy defence minister to Cairo to request Egyptian-made arms. Like Egypt, Somalia has an arsenal of largely Soviet Origin but political differences with Moscow have cut the flow of spare parts and ammunition. Egypt began making Soviet-style arms and ammunition in 1976 when Moscow imposed an arms embargo in retaliation for President Anwar Sadat's expulsion of 20,000 Soviet military advisers. (R)

ALGIERS: British Gas and the Algerian state oil and gas corporation Sonatrach have reached an interim price agreement for Algerian liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports to Britain, the official Algerian news agency APS reported Monday. It said British gas would pay an average price of \$4.60 for each million British thermal units (BTUs) for the first half of next year, rising to \$4.80 on July 1. The \$4.60 figure is the highest ever agreed to by any Sonatrach client and weakens the negotiating positions of buyers such as the American companies El Paso and Dristigaz, and the state-owned Gaz de France. Spain's Enagas recently negotiated a price believed to be in the region of \$4.4 BTU, while the American firms and Gaz de France are paying \$3.25. (AP)

LONDON: The Duke of Kent, cousin of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, will make a tour of Bahrain, Qatar, Dubai, Sharjah and Kuwait between Feb. 4 and 13 in his capacity as vice-chairman of the British overseas trade board, the board announced Monday. (AP)

KUWAIT: Kuwait is increasing the price of its crude oil by about \$3 a barrel from Jan. 1 following last week's 10 per cent rise agreed by OPEC ministers meeting in Bali. A Kuwaiti newspaper said today. The new price of a barrel of Kuwaiti crude would be either \$34.50 or \$35, compared to \$31.50, at present. *Al Qabas* said, quoting a Kuwaiti official source. The Kuwaiti petroleum ministry declined comment on the report, which also estimated Kuwait's oil income in 1981 at \$20 billion on the basis of the new price and at the present daily output of 1.5 million barrels a day.

Likely to increase pressure on Gulf states Kuwait to hold elections next February as planned

BAHRAIN: Kuwait says will hold parliamentary elections next February as planned, quashing reports that they would be postponed because of the Iraq-Iran war.

Chief government spokesman Abdul Aziz Hussein told reporters in Kuwait the cabinet would fix the election date soon. Arrangements were being made to hold the elections by the end of February, he said.

The amir (ruler) of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, decreed on Aug. 24 that the new 50-member National Assembly should meet by the end of next February.

But an Arabic publication, *Al Nahar Arab Report and Memo*, said last month that the elections had been put off due to the Gulf war and that preparatory work



Kuwait's Sheikh Jaber

After the Iranian revolution, Bahrain also hinted at an early return to parliamentary life which was suspended in August 1975. But the prime minister, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, suggested last week that this might be far off. "Our democratic experience failed and this should make it necessary to contemplate and revise the style of democratic processes for the future", he said in a radio address.



Bahrain's Sheikh Khalifa

had stopped.

The previous amir dissolved the assembly and curbed press freedom in August 1976, ending 15 years of parliamentary rule, after the government resigned. It accused parliament of blocking legislation and reviling ministers. The decree dissolving parliament also said that it should be reconvened within four years.

No other Gulf country has an elected parliament although Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have nominated assemblies. Saudi Arabia has said it is considering introducing a consultative council.

Americans file 333 claims seeking \$8 billion from Iran

By Alexander Nicol

NEW YORK: As negotiations for the release of American hostages in Iran appear to be making progress, claims filed in U.S. courts against Iranian assets are increasing every week.

Since President Carter froze Iranian assets in U.S. banks on Nov. 14 last year, companies and individuals have been suing Iran to seek recompense for alleged breaches of contract, defaults on debt and expropriation of property following the revolution early in 1979.

There are now 333 claims seeking a total of more than \$8 billion from Iranian bodies, according to Mr. Thomas Shack of the Washington law firm Abourezk, Shack and Mendenhall, which is coordinating Iran's defence.

Most of the suits contain warrants of attachment, intended to block the removal of Iranian funds from the United States after the freeze on assets is lifted.

Iran has demanded that the claims be dropped as one of its conditions for releasing the hostages. But the executive affairs minister, Mr. Behzad Nabavi, says Iran has accepted a form of arbitration for investigating U.S. and Iranian claims.

Pursuing the court cases to their conclusion would create litigation of unprecedented proportions, lasting for years, said lawyers involved in the claims.

Meanwhile, the U.S. government is attempting to stay the litigation while negotiations on the hostages continue, and it has achieved considerable success.

The largest claim so far filed is for \$450 million sought by Mr. William Bickoff and Mr. George Eisenpresser. The two New Yorkers say they invested \$192,000 in an Iranian copper mining venture and are seeking compensation for expropriation of property, equipment and their interests in the mine.

Other major claimants are banks which contend that Iran defaulted on its loans. The banks and their claims include Chase Manhattan (\$366 million), Bank of America (\$337 million), Citibank (\$117 million), First National Bank of Chicago (\$86 million) and Manufacturers



Mr. Abdul Aziz Hussein

Hanover Trust (\$85 million).

Companies which were involved in oil drilling in Iran are also after compensation. Sedco is seeking \$175 million and Santa Fe International Corporation \$168 million for alleged breaches of contracts and expropriation of equipment.

General Telephone and Electronics, which has a contract to set up a telecommunications network in Tehran, is suing for \$100 million.

Iran has disputed the size of the claims. Mr. Shack, the lawyer dealing with Iran's defence, told Reuters: "There's a great deal of water in many of the claims."

Lawyers and officials noted that some suits seek payments for punitive damages and lost profits. One American official said that, when filing such claims, "people tend to be generous to themselves."

American claims against Iran could eventually total many more than the 333 so far filed in the courts. A Treasury Department survey brought responses from some 2,200 potential claimants.

Reports from Tehran indicated that under the terms of a possible settlement between Iran and the United States, both countries might deposit funds with the Algerian government, and a joint commission might arbitrate.

Iran has filed a lawsuit in the United States to recover the wealth of the late Shah, which it claims is more than \$30 billion.

Mr. Paul O'Dwyer, who is representing Iran in this suit, said in an interview that he hoped the two countries could establish a joint commission to arbitrate claims in detail.

"Our democracy is derived from our values, culture and society. We should not import foreign democracies," he added.

The return to parliamentary rule in Kuwait is, however, likely to increase pressure on other Gulf countries to create similar platforms for popular participation.

In a decree last Wednesday, the amir of Kuwait doubled the number of constituencies to 50. Each constituency will now elect two deputies instead of five.

The change takes into account an increase in the number of voters from 44,000 in the 1974 elections to 70,000. Women will not be allowed to vote. (R)

300,000-500,000 Israelis go to U.S.

Report on emigration stirs profound concern in Israel

TELAVIV: A report estimating that between 300,000 and 500,000 Israelis have emigrated to the United States is stirring profound concern in the Zionist state.

The report, by a senior official of the Jewish Agency which oversees the movement of Jews to and from Israel, recommends that the government treat the problem of emigration as "a national emergency."

The report has not been made public but its content has filtered down to the press and was confirmed by Jewish Agency officials.

With fewer Jews immigrating to Israel and high Arab birthrate threatening to outstrip Jewish population growth in Israel, emigration is viewed by many Israelis as desertion.

Those who leave the country usually tell their friends they are going for a visit, finding it difficult to face the hostile reactions to emigration.

The 60-page report was written

U.N. shuffles ME forces commands

UNITED NATIONS: Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has announced a general shift in commands of U.N. forces in the Middle East.

The announcement was contained in two newly issued documents - a Dec. 15 letter from Dr. Waldheim to the Security Council proposing the appointments and a Dec. 19 reply from Mr. Donald F. McHenry of the United States, council president this month, saying the council had agreed to them.

Dr. Waldheim said Irish Maj. Gen. James J. Quinn, commander of the U.N. force in Cyprus, would return to Ireland early in 1981 "after more than four years" distinguished service with the United Nations. He announced these resulting changes.

Gen. Quinn's present post will go to Austrian Maj. Gen. Gunther Greindl, now commander of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force separating Israeli and Syrian troops on the Golan Heights. Gen. Greindl will reach Cyprus at the end of next February for a command-transfer "period of overlap." The U.N. force there has guarded against clashes between Greek and Turkish Cypriots since 1968.

Gen. Greindl's present post will go to Finnish Maj.-Gen. Erkki R. Kaira, now chief of staff of the Jerusalem-based U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation, consisting of officers that help the Middle East forces. Gen. Kaira "should arrive in Damascus" by Feb. 20.

Saudi Ara to restore supply lev to Philippi

MANILA: Saudi Aramco Minister Sheikh Ali Yamani met Philippine Minister Gerónimo Tuesday for talks expected to concentrate on vital Saudi supplies to this country.

Sheikh Yamani arrived last night by private jet. He was met by President Ferdinand Marcos and held official talks today.

Sheikh Yamani is the and, for the Philippines important -- oil must be the country within the days in the wake of the isolation of Petroleum Countries (OPEC) in Bali, Indonesia.

President Marcos recently that Saudi Arabia's oil supplies had cut off go to government supplies barrels a day last Nov. of concern about the Muslims in the south pines.

But he said the Saudi

The Philippines a 56,000 barrels a day through commercial supply line unaffected Saudi government can Philippines uses about barrels a day, about 90, which is imported.

The Manila govern been concerned to bol supplies for 1981 now plies of 30,000 barrels of Iraq are jeopardised by war.

Philippine newspa glowing front-page today in praise to Saudi "moderate" position, levels among OPEC, and what they said was erating influence" in politics.

The Saudis' financial for the Islamic Fund employment of an 100,000 Filipino contract were also praised. (R)

On Dec. 25, Pakistan observes the birthday anniversary of its founder, Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

Pakistanis gratefully remember the man who was the Father of the Nation and, but for whose leadership, they would still be struggling for asserting their separate existence because they were poor, comparatively backward, disorganised and unaware of their potentialities."

a commentary by former Pakistani education minister Dr. I.H. Qureshi said. "He was an ardent supporter of the rule of law and civil liberties as a principle of his life. He respected the rights of the minorities and made every effort to make them real partners in the affairs of the country. He respected even the minutest regulations whether they were federal, provincial, or municipal. Indeed, Muslims could not find a more law-abiding citizen in the entire country, and this respect for the law Jinnah had acquired from Islam, which gives no special rights or privileges to the rul-



ers. Islam upholds the rights of the citizens - Muslim or non-Muslim - and the law remains the same during peace and war, during normal times and emergencies. Jinnah's idealism and thought were based on Islam. Muslim masses are tired of every form of tyranny and want to enjoy rights vouchsafed to every citizen in Muslim politics, provided they are run in accordance with the tenets of Islam. The insistence of the people of Pakistan upon the revival of Islamic law and mores at present can be understood only in this light," Dr. Qureshi writes.

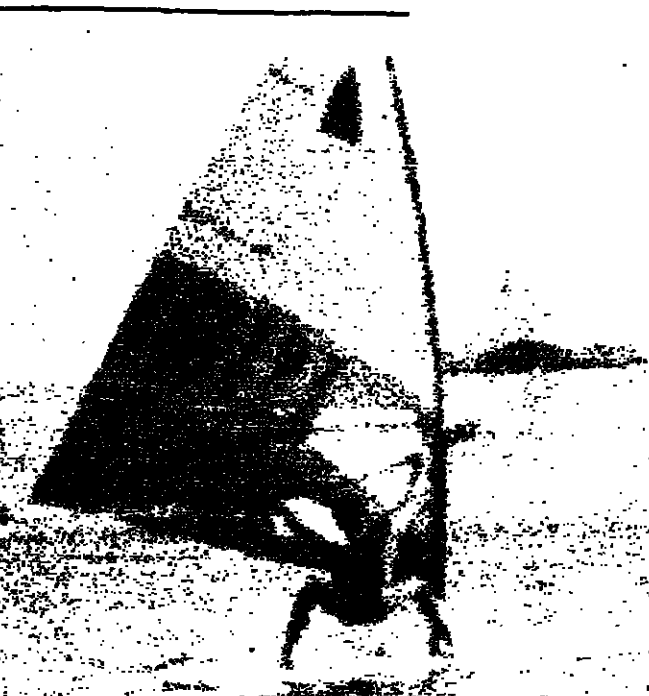


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People ... in the news



ALL the interest in surfing at Aqaba, Alia, Royal Jordanian Airline, the Aquamarina Club decided to sponsor a surfing competition on Dec. 26. Jia Chairman Ali Ghanem has agreed to donate winner's trophy and prizes, and Mr. Martin, the Aquamarina Club's stations Department will racing for Alia in the competition. Registration for the races be at 10 a.m. on Dec. 26. The Aquamarina says it a limited number of sailboards available. For further information contact Mr. Martin at the air, tel. Amman 55205, ext. 51.

WHEN Christmastime comes, with all the usual trappings of joy and happiness — especially for children — some youngsters are often forgotten. Children with serious disabilities, confined to institutions and often without a family to care for them, may not feel much of the usual Christmas cheer. But the children of Al Hussein Society for the Physically Handicapped would have had cause to rejoice on Saturday, when Her Highness Princess Basma opened a Christmas bazaar for their benefit at the society's centre.

The princess had a chance to buy her own Christmas gifts from a selection made by the children themselves, and to chat with the residents at the home.

The bazaar is expected to raise around JD 1,000 for the general funds of the society. This money will go toward the society's major project: constructing a new centre during the coming year.

Her Highness Princess Basma, a member of the society, explained that it would be mounting a concerted drive in the coming 12 months to achieve its ambition.

"This coming year is the Year of the Disabled Child," she noted. "We hope that the public will be very much aware of the plight of the handicapped during that time and will help us in our fight to raise enough cash to build a new centre."

His Majesty King Hussein has already donated a plot of land for the centre.

which will cost around JD 100,000 to build.

The Queen Alia Fund has pledged support for the project, but Princess Majda confessed that a lot of hard work would be needed to collect sufficient cash.

"This centre is desperately needed. It would provide proper facilities for about 50 boarders and 50 day pupils," she said.

"We would aim to rehabilitate the disabled and get them useful jobs in the community."

The society will also be aiming to educate the public about the handicapped. At the moment its members fear there is unnecessary fear and ignorance about disability.

They also want a government programme to help the disabled by building ramps at offices, in place of steps, and generally to improve facilities.

"Most of all we would like to improve the employment chance of some of our pupils," said the princess.

"Although they may be physically disabled they are mentally unimpaired, and are capable of doing regular jobs like the physically fit," she added.

AFTER 22 years as a nun Pauline Dore had never been to a party in her life. But then she left the Marist missionary order to become a teacher in Jordan. And at a cocktail party at the International Community School, she met her future husband, Fizz Waters.

The couple married on Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at First Circle.

Fizz, a ground instructor at the Alia air academy, also broadcasts sports commentary for Radio Jordan. His nickname remains a mystery, unlike that of his future wife, known as "Chips". Pauline's name as a nun was Sister Consolata. Some children, finding this a mouthful, quickly changed it to "Chipolata". Congratulations to Fizz and Chips.

MANY hands are making light work of jobs at the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt.

Even the children at the institute are taking their fair share of the work in order to get a new classroom and playground finished.

Brother Andrew L. de Carpentier says in the Institute's newsletter: "The children help a great deal. They dig foundations, knock down old buildings, lay sewerage pipes, repair leaking roofs and do countless



HIS Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Highness Princess Sarvath, during an official visit to Spain last week, hosted a dinner banquet for King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of that country. Prince Hassan also held talks with King

Juan Carlos on bilateral relations and international issues during the visit, which came between private trips to the Netherlands and Austria by himself and Princess Sarvath.

other jobs that need doing." Despite their hard work they still find time for their studies!

The Institute is planning to equip all the children with bearing aids, although the money is not yet available to buy them.

The Republic of the Philippines in Jordan.

Mr. Contreras said that the certificate was being awarded to Mr. Mouna by the Philippine ministry of foreign affairs for his "unselfish and faithful services to the Philippines, from which truly great lessons in public service and international friendship were learned."

Contreras continued, Mr. Mouna had chosen to retire from the Philippine foreign service "still a truly illustrious friend of the Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines."

a Christmas party for the Filipino community on Thursday, Christmas Day, at the Ballroom of the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel.

Mr. Emmanuel Contreras, charge d'affaires at the embassy, said that the party, starting at 8 p.m., will include carol singing, accompanied by a rondalla or string band; exchanges of gifts — and even dancing! Mr. Contreras extended an open invitation to all members of the Filipino community in Jordan to come and share the Christmas cheer.

THE NEW Embassy of the Philippines in Amman comes to be of service not only in official relations between Jordan and the Philippines, but to try to provide a "home away from home" for the hundreds of Filipinos now living and working in Jordan. In pursuit of this task, the embassy has arranged

IN a simple but fitting ceremony on Tuesday, the Philippine charge d'affaires ad interim, Mr. Emmanuel J. Contreras, presented a certificate of commendation to Mr. Constantine M. Mouna, former Consul General ad honorem of

The Philippine foreign ministry also commended Mr. Mouna for having implemented Philippine laws on trade and travel in his district and honestly collected revenues for the Philippine government.

After his "fruitful tenure," Mr.



The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt provides room and board (above) and educational and recreational activities to hearing-impaired children.

Her Highness Princess Basma (above) surveys handicrafts for sale at the Christmas bazaar of Al Hussein Society for the Physically Disabled, proceeds from which will go to support the society's efforts to expand its services to handicapped children.

JORDAN is planning to get in swim of the times, according to Mr. Abdullah Abu Nowar, president of the Jordan Swimming Federation. The federation is looking for trainers who will prepare youngsters to compete on an international basis, Mr. Abu Nowar said.

"The facilities are already here — all they need is some expert advice."

Mr. Abu Nowar hopes to recruit youngsters, both boys and girls, in the next

few weeks and start a rigorous training programme.

"I have no doubt that there are sufficient talented youngsters in this country to compete on an international basis," Mr. Abu Nowar said.

"The facilities are already here — all they need is some expert advice."

Mr. Abu Nowar hopes to recruit youngsters, both boys and girls, in the next

They will learn the skills of different styles such as crawl, breast-stroke and butterfly, and also diving.

"At the moment we have no national team. I believe that if we can implement a five-year training programme we will have a superb team at the end, able to compete all over the world," added Mr. Abu Nowar.

"I think that a young team competing throughout the

Arab World as well as in international events will be admirable ambassadors for Jordan too.

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Gloomy outlook for world airlines

GENEVA, Dec. 23 (R) — The world's major international airlines expect a record \$2.5 billion loss this year, a leading air transport official said today.

Mr. Knut Hammarström, director-general of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), said in an end-of-year review that 1981 promises to be little better for IATA's 108 member airlines, carriers of 70 per cent of the world's scheduled air traffic.

"International scheduled operations will probably not show a profit and the recently announced OPEC (oil) price increases add a new element of uncertainty to the airlines' future," he said in a report published yesterday.

Airline revenues were expected to total \$33.19 billion, a 19.2 per cent increase on last year's figure. But operating costs and interest payments were forecast to be \$35.7 billion, 27 per cent up on 1979.

He said economic recession in industrial nations, inflation, rising fuel prices and "haphazard government regulatory approaches to

aviation" were the major factors combining to drive airlines into the red.

International passenger traffic stagnated during 1980. Freight and mail turned the stagnation into an overall increase of two per cent, but it was the worst result since 1975, Mr. Hammarström said.

About two thirds of airlines' costs now fell outside their control, he reported. "This applies not only to the price of fuel but also to a whole range of other expenses — particularly airport landing and...navigation charges...set by governments with political as well as economic ends in mind."

"The airlines continue to face an uphill task...the very survival of some of them may be put at risk, particularly as regards privately-owned carriers with no government backing," he said.

Emirates bank opens in Bombay

BOMBAY, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — The Emirates Commercial Bank (ECB) extended its operations to India when it formally opened its first branch here today in the presence of Mr. Rashid Abdullah, United Arab Emirates (UAE) minister of state for foreign affairs.

Mr. Ibrahim Jawad, the UAE consul general in Bombay, said that this was the bank's first move into an international branch network.

Keeping pace with the phenomenal expansion in their share of the world's financial resources, the Arab nations were building a new international banking system to compete successfully with the Euromarkets, he said.

Japan outproduces U.S. as carmaker

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Japan has surpassed the United States this year to become the world's largest automobile producer, according to a report released Tuesday.

A report by the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, a trade group representing 13 carmakers, said Japanese production rose 15.1 per cent to 10.1 million units for the first 11 months of the year.

U.S. production reached only 7.4 million units during the same January-November period, down from 10.9 million in the first three-quarters of 1979, the report said.

The trade association forecast that 8 million automobiles would roll out of American factories this year, compared with 11.4 million last year. Japan was expected to produce 11 million units this year, compared with 9.6 million last year.

Domestic sales have faltered in

recent months, but exports for January-October, the most recent period for which data are available, show a 35.1 per cent rise over last year, an association spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the Detroit General Motors (GM), the biggest U.S. automaker, expects an economic recovery and better sales next year, incoming GM head Roger Smith said in the company's end-of-the-year message.

GM is forecasting that the American market will be able to absorb more than 10 million cars and more than 2.7 million trucks in 1981, against nine million autos and 2.5 million trucks this year.

The firm expects the American real gross national product to grow by two to three per cent next year, against the anticipated drop of 1.5 per cent for this year. Mr. Smith said that prospects for the first half of 1981 are worse than for the second half, due to high interest rates.

UAE sets up central bank

ABU DHABI, Dec. 23 (R) — A central bank has replaced the currency board in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a spokesman said today.

The UAE president's chamberlain, Sheikh Surour Ibn Mohammad, was appointed chairman of the bank and Mr. Abdul Malik Al Hamr, since 1978 managing director of the currency board, the governor of the bank.

The government first decided to set up a central bank for a liquidity crisis in 1977 to control monetary and banking policies and practices in the seven-member federation.

The board's British chief executive, Mr. Ronald Scott, was replaced by an administrative committee while the government sought the help of the International Monetary Fund to formulate legislation for a central bank.

When Mr. Hamr's board's mandate expired, he pledged to exercise control over banking. Bankers have not expected any dramatic changes, but they gradually tightening and more sophisticated market techniques.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Name of Company	Par Value	Number	High	Low
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1,000	6,750	1,790	1,780
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	1,250	2,320	2,320
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	15,463	1,650	1,630
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	260	1,680	1,680
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	80	17,150	17,130
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10,000	150	121,500	121,000
General Insurance Co. (New)	JD 1,000	500	1,450	1,450
Arabian Seas Insurance Co. Ltd.	JD 1,000	180	10,800	10,800
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	946	2,050	2,050
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	1,500	0,940	0,940
International Construction and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	3,185	0,860	0,850
Dar Al Sharh for Press and Publications	JD 1,000	1,500	0,930	0,930
Arab Development and Investments Co.	JD 2,000	7,875	1,300	1,300
Jordan Dairy Co. (Old)	JD 1,000	160	1,320	1,320
Jordan Dairy Co. (New)	JD 1,000	2,990	1,300	1,290
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	1,330	1,520	1,510
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1,000	1,300	1,250	1,250
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	2,372	3,470	3,460
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	3,500	2,800	2,800
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	1,200	1,930	1,920
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	200	2,900	2,900
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1,000	800	1,270	1,260
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	50	0,800	0,800
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	2,000	1,450	1,450
Jordan Lime and Silicate Bricks Industries Co.	JD 5,000	150	5,700	5,680
Jordan Tobacco and Cigarettes Co.	JD 5,000	45	9,800	9,800
Arab Pharmaceutical Industries Co.	JD 5,000	67	28,050	28,050
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	726	9,090	9,090
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	50	13,800	13,800
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	34	19,400	19,350

Total volume of shares traded on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1980: JD 120,976

Total number of shares traded: 55,613

Fall in U.S. prime pulls \$ down

LONDON, Dec. 23 (R) — Signs of a fall in U.S. interest rates pulled the dollar down sharply on currency markets today amid cautious trading ahead of the Christmas holiday.

A decision by several leading U.S. banks, including Chase Manhattan, to cut their prime lending rate by one point to 20.5 per cent persuaded many investors that U.S. interest rates were heading down, dealers said.

An earlier belief that prime rates, which hit a record 21.5 per cent last week, might go as high as 23 or 24 per cent caused the dollar to soar and gold to fall in recent weeks.

But today the dollar dropped swiftly against most currencies. It fell in London to 1.9425 West German marks from 1.9615 last night and 2.0180 a week ago. The pound sterling rose to 2.3750 dollars, more than two cents up on last night.

Many investors were unwilling to accumulate large currency surpluses ahead of the four-day Christmas holidays and were trying anxiously to balance their positions. Trading was light and this was exaggerating currency movements caused by changing views about interest rates, dealers said.

Gold rose about \$7 an ounce to \$605 in London. A decline in interest rates attracts funds to gold by making alternative financial holdings less attractive.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 23 (R) — Gold shares closed firm while the rest of the market were steady to mixed in low volume, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up 0.6 at 465.2.

The renewed rise in the bullion price to over \$600 pushed up gold shares but turnover was small due to seasonal influences, a point which applies to the rest of the market, dealers said. Movements among leading equities ranged to a few pence either way and government bonds showed falls of around 1/16 in shorter maturities.

U.S. and Canadian were inclined higher. Redland firmed 2p to 162 after news Guest Keen and Brambles Industries of Australia will jointly acquire Redland Purl. Guest Keen ended 5p up.

Oils were the active sector where BP, Shell and Ultramar showed net rises of between 2p and 4p and Burnmah oil was 3p higher at 190 after it announced relinquishment of the credit facility extended by the Bank of England, dealers said.

Fisons and Boots ended 2p down and a penny up respectively at 196 and 237 but the news of a merger of their respective agrochemical interest had little impact on share prices.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	308.50/310.50
U.K. sterling	725.70/730.10
West German mark	157.40/158.40
Swiss franc	173.70/174.70
Italian lire	33.10/33.30
(for every 100)	
French franc	68.10/68.50
Dutch guilder	144.60/145.50
Swedish crown	70.10/70.50
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Japanese yen	148.50/149.40
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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make certain you don't act impulsively, or you could run into unexpected trouble. Celebrating can be enjoyed today.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Your home is the sphere of your greatest endeavors today, so make it look as charming as you can. Enjoy a Merry Christmas Eve.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make sure that you carry through with your part of a contract with another. Postpone making a difficult decision now.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can keep out of harm's way by being busily occupied today. Express love and happiness to family members.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Engage in only inexpensive pleasures during the day and all goes well for you. The evening is fine for celebrating.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Meditation on this important day can help you express love and goodwill to others. Be sure your home looks very festive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your financial position and make plans for improvement. Show generosity to closest ties and express happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Handle money matters in a precise manner for best results at this time. Think constructively. Be wise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Morning is fine for straightening out personal matters, but later be more concerned with the goodwill of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Give full attention to intimate problems now and get them solved properly. Attend the social tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can rely on good friends during the day for assistance you may need. Have a Merry Christmas Eve.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Contact influential persons and get the backing you need. Spend some time with good friends who can be helpful to you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she may be too forceful in speech and action, and should be taught not to act in a hasty manner. Upon reaching maturity your progeny will become most successful. Some religious training is needed early in life.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
1980 by Chicago Tribune

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 10854
♥ K Q 4 2
♦ A 7
♣ A K J

WEST
♠ K 9 6
♥ 7 6 5
♦ 9 5 4 2
♣ 9 3 2

EAST
♠ Q 7 3
♥ 3
♦ Q J 10 8 6
♣ 8 6 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A J 2
♥ A J 10 9 8
♦ K 3
♣ Q 10 7

The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♣.

The Principle of Restricted Choice is much like an innkeeper who has two choices on his menu. If he keeps trying to push one, it is usually right to assume that he is almost out of the other.

North-South reached a reasonable slam in fine style. After South showed a good hand with long hearts, North cue-bid in clubs to show a maximum no trump with good heart support. South and North traded two additional cue-bids before South

elect to try for the small slam.

Declarer won the diamond opening lead in his hand and drew trumps in three rounds. Next came the ace of diamonds and three rounds of clubs, ending on the table. With the minor suits stripped, the scene was set for an end play, which was South's chief hope to avoid losing two spade tricks.

Declarer led a low spade from dummy and inserted the jack. West won the king of spades and, since a minor-suit return would surrender the contract via a ruff-and-sluff, he continued with a low spade. Which spade should declarer call from dummy?

If you apply the Principle of Restricted Choice, you should play the eight. The theory is that if West held both the king and queen, he could equally well have won the first spade trick with the queen. Thus, the fact that he did not means that he is unlikely to hold the lady.

In fact, it is almost 2-to-1 in favor of playing East for the queen. There are twice as many combinations for West to hold either K-9-x (-x) or Q-9-x (-x) than specifically K-Q-x (-x).

If you play the percentages, the eight will fetch the queen from East. It is a simple matter to behold the lady with the ace and claim a well-played and well-bid slam.

THE BETTER HALF By Vinson



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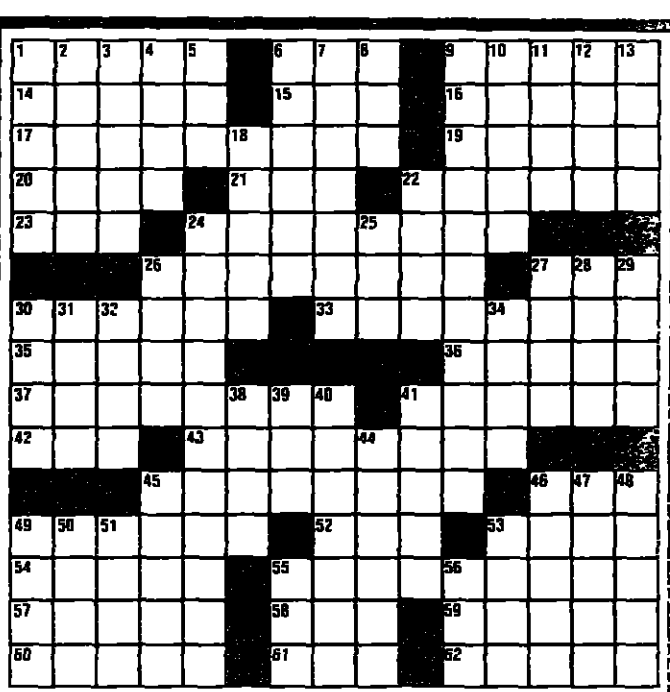
THE Daily Crossword by Dorothea E. Shipp

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| ACROSS | 27 White House nickname | 54 Mysterious | 25 Novelist |
| 1 Kitchen gadget | 30 Leave | 55 Dominant | 26 Blotches |
| 6 Things due: abbr. | 35 "Faust," for one | 56 St. Johns | 27 Judicial deeds |
| 9 Switchboard section | 36 Hebrides or Mongolia | 57 Alport | 28 Boxer Max |
| 14 Marble | 37 Sava | 58 Groove | 29 Deviates |
| 15 Exclamation of surprise | 41 Weapons | 60 Nut or palm | 30 Be maudlin about |
| 16 Vivacious | 42 Electric fish | 61 Heaven | 31 Foil |
| 17 Sycophants | 43 Colorful shrub | 62 Jewish feast | 32 Campanologist's doing |
| 18 Richards of tennis | 45 Man of commerce | | 33 Essay |
| 20 Knife | 46 Petrol | | 34 Sorry one |
| 21 Rotten | 48 Companion of Aethos | | 35 European range |
| 22 Certain horses | 52 Bad: pref. | | 36 Legal point |
| 23 Female ruff | 53 "—solt qui mal..." | | 37 Take turns |
| 24 Good citizens | | | 38 Beat — for (celebrate) |
| 26 Scheme | | | 39 Call for help |

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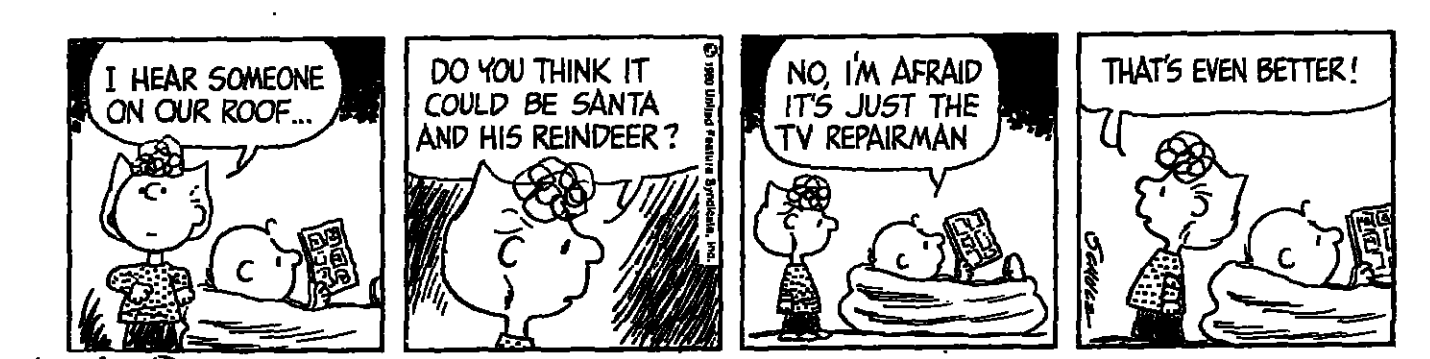
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MINCE PATIO CAMPUS NEEDLE
Answer: What the fisherman's earnings were— HIS "NET" INCOME

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1980

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have to take care of annoying conditions early in the day and relegate less important duties to later. Be wise.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can enjoy this day a great deal in the company of loved ones. Let them know what your true aims are.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Good day for getting together with close friends and relatives and enjoying each other's company. Express happiness.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get an early start on whatever you want to do today for best results. You can express a creative talent now.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have made promises that need to be kept at this time. Be sure to handle a civic matter in a conscientious manner.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Spend most of your time with intimates today and have a delightful time together. Think along optimistic lines.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have much work to do despite delays in the path of your progress, so be patient. Show increased devotion to loved ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try to keep promises to the best of your ability now even though there are delays. Maintain a cheerful manner all day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be patient if amusement plans get fouled up. Don't take any risks in motion on this day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Use kindness and gentility at home and increase harmony there. Make this a most marvelous holiday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have to exercise extreme caution to avoid possible accident at this time. Make the evening a happy one.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Showing appreciation to those who have been good to you in the past is wise today. Show that your allegiance is with family members.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who can understand the practical phases of any situation, so be sure to give good spiritual and ethical training for best results in lifetime. An outstanding sports leader in this chart.

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FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 26, 1980

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Use tact instead of forcefulness with others and accomplish a lot more. Discuss the future with financial experts.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't waste time with the wrong persons today. Go to the right source for valuable information you need.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A financial arrangement may be annoying in the morning but solve it wisely and make better plans for the future.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take steps to improve your health and appearance, and then go after your most cherished desires.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A secret worry should be forgotten now and later you can easily resolve the matter. Adopt a logical outlook on life.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Contact friends you have not seen in a long time and deepen the relationships. Enjoy the social side of life tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Strive to have increased harmony with family members. Bring your talents to the attention of influential persons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You may find it hard to step out of that convenient rut you are in early in the day, but later you can do so easily.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't neglect duties you have assumed and discharge them with true efficiency. Be careful of outsiders.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study what close ties expect of you during the day and then try to please them in the evening. Avoid trouble.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Try to enlist the help of loyal friends for a new project you have in mind. Avoid one who is a gossip.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Contact congenials for recreational purposes since you are in need of fun. The evening can be especially happy for you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have great capability for solving problems of others, so be sure to give the right education to make the most of this ability. Direct it toward salesmanship for best results. A good family person in this chart.

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Attacks imperialism, materialism Pope speaks out in address to mark World Peace Day

VATICAN, CITY, Dec. 23 (R) — Pope John Paul today issued a World Peace Day message that condemned the nature of society in both East and West as not allowing true freedom.

In a statement that criticised both communist and capitalist, the Pope attacked totalitarianism, suppression of the individual, materialism, and the consumer society.

"There is no true freedom when all powers are concentrated in the hands of a single social class, a single race or a single group, or when the common good is merged with the interests of a single party that is identified with the state," he said.

A society built on materialism, he added, "denies people their freedom when it submits individual freedoms to economic domination, when it represses man's spiritual creativity in the name of a false ideological harmony... when in practice it reduces to nothing the power to participate in public affairs."

Pope Paul VI designated Jan. 1 World Peace Day 14 years ago and since then the pontiff has always issued a message to the world to mark the occasion several days in advance.

The Pope said the freedom of the "consumer society" did not really deserve that name.

"The insatiable pursuit of goods is not subjected to the law of justice and social love," he said. "Such consumerism involves a limitation on the freedom of others."

The Pope denounced the "permissive society," saying it was a "caricature of freedom to claim that people are free to organise their lives with no reference to moral values." In all cases he condemned violence as a means to freedom.

Great powers which imposed their will on other nations were also criticised with words that had extra meaning coming from the Catholic Church's first Polish pontiff at a time when his native country is still in a state of political unrest.

"The freedom of nations is wounded when small nations are forced to align themselves with large ones in order to ensure their right to independent existence or survival."

"Freedom is wounded when the relationships between peoples are based... upon the right of the most powerful, upon the attitude of dominant blocs and upon military or political imperialism," he stated.

The Pope declared that freedom was also limited for individuals "who, as a result of uncontrolled industrial, urban or bureaucratic development, find themselves caught up in a giant machine, in a tangle of unwanted and unmanageable procedures."

He concluded that man was essentially free because he had the faculty of self-determination, but urged governments "to guarantee each individual's possibility of realising his or her human potential to the full."

"Let us not await the peace of the balance of terror," he urged. "Let us instead begin by respecting true freedom."

The message, written in Italian, was made available in six other languages -- Polish, English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese.

He asserted that freedom is reduced in a society "that lets itself be guided by the dogma of indefinite material growth, by the pursuit of wealth or by the arms race."

The Pope warned that the economic crisis now affecting all societies, unless tackled with a different set of priorities, "could easily lead to the adoption of measures that would reduce still further the measure of freedom."

He said the "uncontrolled pursuit of material goods and all kinds of services offers only an apparent increase of freedom to those who benefit from them."

Indian parliament passes controversial security bill

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (R) — The Upper House of the Indian parliament early today approved the government's controversial national security bill which provides for preventive detention without trial for up to 12 months.

The bill, which was passed by the Lower House on Dec. 16, now becomes law.

Opposition members denounced the bill as a "black law" and a "draconian measure," and staged a walkout when the debate continued after midnight.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government has said the law will not be used against political opponents. But the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported that a student leader was arrested under the detention law in the northeastern state of Assam yesterday.

PTI said 23 people have been detained under the new measure in Assam, where more than 260 people were killed in 15 months of anti-immigrant agitation.



Pope John Paul delivering his World Peace Day address

Jiang accuses judges of being 'fascists'

PEKING, Dec. 23. (R) — Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing disrupted the proceedings in China's special court again today, calling the judges and chief public prosecutor fascists and shouting at witnesses, according to official reports.

The presiding judge warned her that by doing so she was laying herself open to a heavier sentence.

The court, trying her on charges of counter-revolution, which

amount to having directed Mao's Cultural Revolution from 1966-76, today concluded its examination of her case, leaving only the summing-up before the judges retire to consider their sentence.

Jiang Qing is the last of the 10 defendants in the trial to have her case concluded. The summing-up procedure against her nine co-defendants, including the other three members of the so-called Gang of Four, has already ended.

Kosygin given hero's funeral

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (AP) — The Soviet Union today gave a hero's funeral to Alexei Kosygin in a full-dress military ceremony before thousands of citizens and troops on Red Square.

The ashes of the former premier, who lay in state yesterday and was cremated overnight, were borne into Red Square on a gun carriage pulled by armoured vehicle.

Against a background of funeral music, President Leonid Brezhnev, and other top leaders carried the urn containing the ashes to a niche in the Kremlin wall — the traditional resting place of Soviet heroes.

Artillery fire echoed across the square in memory of the premier, who died on Thursday at the age of 76 after 16 years as head of the Soviet government.

As usual in Soviet state funerals, no religious element was evident. A line of generals carried Mr. Kosygin's medals on red cushions while citizens and other troops held aloft wreaths and Mr.

Kosygin's portrait in black bunting.

Dark-clad family members stood next to the urn as Premier Nikolai Tikhonov, Mr. Kosygin's successor, read out a eulogy from the top of the Lenin Mausoleum.

As Mr. Brezhnev looked on, Mr. Tikhonov, 75, said Mr. Kosygin's life was dedicated to the "struggle for communist ideals."

Another speaker, Light Industry Minister Nikolai Tarasov, praised Mr. Kosygin's traditional closeness to the country's consumer goods sector.

Mr. Tarasov said Mr. Kosygin showed "inexhaustible energy" and constant dedication to the production of goods for the Soviet people. The Soviet Union's 1981 economic plan, for the first time, calls for a greater output growth in consumer goods industries than in heavy industry.

A Leningrad factory worker also eulogised Mr. Kosygin who was a Leningrad native and former mayor of Russia's second largest city.

Pentagon admits 32 serious nuclear slips over past 30 years

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (R) — The United States' defence department has admitted that 32 serious accidents involving U.S. nuclear weapons have occurred in the past 30 years, over twice the number in its last official count in 1968. The Pentagon was commenting on a Reuters story at the weekend which quoted an interim defence department report not yet made public as saying at least 27 such accidents had occurred since 1950.

The story also quoted Pentagon officials as saying there might have been up to 10 other such accidents which were too sensitive to describe because of the countries where they had occurred.

The official count in 1968 was "broken arrows," the Pentagon code word for mishaps such as the recent non-nuclear explosion of a Titan II missile in Arkansas, in which a maintenance man was killed and several people were injured.

"We have no quarrel with the accuracy of the Reuters story," a Pentagon spokesman said. "We conferred today and our count is 32 serious accidents."

Pentagon officials have said there was no conspiracy to withhold information about accidents involving nuclear weapons, but there was a dispute within the government over which ones qualified as "broken arrows."

The Centre for Defence Information (CDI), a private research group based in Washington, maintains there have been 95 such incidents between 1950 and 1975, and more since 1975 than the Pentagon has admitted.

Two former Pentagon officials told Reuters that one of the accidents included in the interim report might have led to a nuclear catastrophe.

In 1961 a crashing B-52 bomber jettisoned two bombs over Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Quake jolts northern Italy

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 23 (AP) — A strong tremor jolted a wide area of northern Italy at lunch time today, a month after a massive earthquake struck southern Italy and killed nearly 3,000 people.

First reports said cracks appeared in some old buildings in towns southeast of Piacenza, between Milan and Bologna. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The tremor was felt in Genoa, Bologna, Milan, Parma, Pavia, Piacenza, Brescia and Ferrara, according to initial reports.

The national observatory at Monteporzio Catone outside Rome said the quake measured six on the Mercalli scale and 4.7 on the Richter scale. A quake of that magnitude is capable of causing moderate damage to buildings.

It said the epicentre was at Busto Arsizio, a heavily industrialised area northwest of Milan toward the lake region. But the seismological institute in Trieste said the epicentre possibly was in Appennino Emiliano near Parma.

Firemen and switchboards of Milan newspapers received hundreds of calls by people seeking information about the quake.

The golden statue of the Madonna, atop the main spire of the city's cathedral, swung for about two minutes, officials said.

IRA hints at tacit ceasefire in Ulster over Christmas pe

BELFAST, Dec. 23 (AP) — Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas hinted yesterday that they will observe a tacit Christmas cease-fire in Northern Ireland following the end of a 53-day hunger strike by convicted activists demanding political prisoner status.

There was still confusion over who won the contest of wills between the guerrillas and the British government.

Both sides claimed victory after the hunger strike ended last Thursday. But a four-year "dirty" protest in the Maze prison dragged on with some 470 jailed guerrillas refusing to wear prison uniforms. The men wear only blankets and smear cells with their own excrement.

IRA sources termed the situation a stand-off with the prisoners waiting for the British to implement reforms the guerrillas say the hunger-strikers won and the British saying better conditions will only be given to conforming prisoners.

Nevertheless, sources close to the outlawed IRA's "provisional" wing said guerrilla leaders were expected to order their men to maintain the low profile they adopted during the hunger strike until the new year.

The sources said the Provos are not likely to announce a formal Christmas truce in their campaign to end British rule in Northern Ireland, but one informant noted: "Things will probably stay cool while the consequences of the hunger strike are fully assessed."

Mr. Gerry Adams, vice-president of the Provos' political front, Sinn Féin, told a Belfast rally on Sunday that the "struggle continues" but he also told supporters to "go home and have a peaceful Christmas."

There was a marked relaxation in tension generated by the hunger strike.

However, British authorities still feared IRA bomb attacks in London and other mainland cities. These fears centred on Mr. Gerard Tuite, 25, a Provo master-bomber who escaped from

Reagan cabin almost complete

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — elect Ronald Reagan has nearly complete cabinet nominations, a difficult process a month longer than he himself predicted.

With the nomination of four new members of his cabinet, education secretary and special trade representative, named.

The former post will be a particularly sticky one to Reagan promised during the election campaign to a education department that had been created by Mr. ...

Mr. Reagan was today expected to announce the appointment of Illinois pig farmer John Block as secretary of agriculture. Mr. Reagan confirmed to reporters in Los Angeles, Mr. Block was his choice for the job.

The four new cabinet nominees, named yesterday, first woman and a black.

— Mrs. Jeane Kirkpatrick, a political science professor at Georgetown University as ambassador to the United Nations.

— Black New York lawyer and former judge Sam Donaldson as secretary of housing and urban development.

— Former South Carolina governor James Edwards as secretary.

— Conservative Colorado lawyer James Watt as secretary of the interior.

Mr. Edwards, the energy secretary-designate will implement Mr. Reagan has promised to abolish in an effort to end over-regulation.

Mr. Watt, as nominee for interior, could prove a cabinet appointment. He has drawn criticism for his campaign against government concessions to environmentalists.

The four new nominees, like their predecessors, have any statements in a news conference yesterday that did not haunt them during their Senate confirmation hearings. Mrs. Kirkpatrick has missed no opportunity to point out she has always been and remains a Democrat.

China now to attend Kampuchea conference

PEKING, Dec. 23 (R) — Vice-foreign Minister Zhang today China would attend a proposed international conference on the Kampuchean question without first requiring even a Chinese troop withdrawal from Kampuchea.

He told Australian journalists however that a total withdrawal from Kampuchea was necessary to achieve a settlement.

Zhang made clear that in dropping its earlier insistence on a partial withdrawal as a precondition for the conference taken into account the position of ASEAN, the five-nation Southeast Asian Nations.

The Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia co-sponsored a resolution adopted by the United Nations Assembly in October calling for such a conference early.

Since the U.N. resolution was passed, two ASEAN member states, Thailand and Singapore, have visited Peking to press the ASEAN position. Zhang said China hoped to coordinate moves with states, but stuck to its stand that total Vietnamese withdrawal was a prerequisite to a solution.

"The question of withdrawal must be discussed first of China still hoped that Vietnam would begin a partial withdrawal before a conference "to show its sincerity in a total withdrawal."

Diplomatic sources reporting the Chinese change of mind said this would bring China into line with the U.N. which also calls for measures to guarantee human rights elections in the strife-torn nation.

The sources said the Chinese government has also needed for change in the leadership of the Peking-backed Kampuchean group to improve its image tarnished by during its three-and-a-half years in office.

The group, known as the Khmer Rouge, has been guerrilla war against the Vietnamese since it was forced from Phnom Penh two years ago.

Christmas celebrations, Soviet style

By David Minthorn

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 — "Children's World" is overrun with crowds buying toys, the "green patrol" is out looking for fir tree thieves and newspapers are offering Santas for rent.

Christmas season, Soviet style, is booming in Moscow, with hectic shopping and some of the commercial gimmicks of the West, but no overt religious connotations.

With the government officially atheistic, Soviet citizens do their main celebrating on new year's when red-clad "Father Frost" and his comely assistant "Snegurochka" (Snow Maiden) bring gifts for deserving children gathered around each family's tree.

Communism seems to have come to terms with the old Russian holiday traditions and adopted many for political and commercial purposes.

"Comrade customers who got separated from each other should meet at the main door," drones a loud speaker at Russia's biggest toy store, Detsky Mir or Children's World, crammed with half a million customers daily in the holiday rush.

"What do you recommend for a 10-year-old boy?" an elderly Russian woman asks a saleswoman after elbowing her way to the counter.

"Take this telegraph set. He would like it," the saleswoman replies, handing over a box with plastic tapping keys and copper wire selling for 3.50 rubles (\$5.10).

East German electric trains, costing 30 rubles (\$44), a Soviet doll that shakes her head when fed a magnetised bottle, 12 rubles (\$17.60), and plastic space ship and jetliner models, 4 rubles (\$6).

The Soviet state is also happy about the holiday season's clang of cash registers at Detsky Mir, the store that always meets its sales

games available in Western Europe and the United States. But even if the toy selection is limited and the quality shoddy, Soviet kids look wide-eyed and happy as they survey the counters at Children's World.

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Dec. 22. A seven-story tall fir tree, with electric lights and colorful ornaments, is going up near the Kremlin wall for the holiday.

Moscow reported that 200,000 Soviet children will attend a series of parties at the Kremlin this year during the Dec. 29-Jan. 10 school break. Others are hosted by state institutions

black market. Trees offered at state outlets are often inferior after being crushed or stripped of boughs in transport.

Tree thefts are so widespread that volunteer "Green Patrols" set up road blocks on streets into Moscow, checking everyone entering the city with a tree in their car for sales slips issued by state outlets.

Damage from illegal cutting of trees in the Russian Republic alone amounted to 120,000 rubles (\$176,000) last holiday season, the trade union newspaper *Trud* reported last week.

Some poachers work closer to home. Mr. A. Kolontayev, a Muscovite, cut down a decorated state-owned blue fir near his apartment last Dec. 29 when his wife complained about the forlorn tree he bought at the holiday bazaar, *Trud* said.

Police found the culprit by following his footprints in the snow from the stump to his home. Mr. Kolontayev was fined 144 rubles (\$212).

The holiday revelry isn't only for Soviet children. Champagne and vodka are downed in vast quantities by adults to usher in the New Year. Thousands gather at Red Square to hear the Spassky Tower clock on the Kremlin wall toll midnight.

Christmas is observed in a few Roman Catholic and Protestant churches scattered around Moscow or in private homes of believers.

The Russian Orthodox Church marks the coming of Christ on Jan. 6 with elaborate rites in the onion-domed churches still permitted to operate by the Soviet government.



Full of festive cheer, a group of Muscovites gather in the snow outside the Kremlin.

or less, are big sellers at the huge store across the square from KGB secret police headquarters.

Cross country skis, plastic pistols and ray guns and miniature Soviet siege guns and tanks are also popular.

There are none of the sophisticated electronic and computer

targets. Delivering many gifts to Russian families are 150 pairs of Father Frosts and Snow Maidens who can be ordered by telephone at 90 state offices around Moscow for 5 rubles (\$7.50) on New Year's Eve or Jan. 1. Officials said there were 16,000 requests by

elsewhere in the city. The seasonal outbreak of tree thefts from state forests and natural preserves around Moscow and other Soviet cities has prompted warnings from the state-controlled press. Gangs poach trees and bring them into Moscow for sales on the

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